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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U. S. application of:) Before the Examiner
Hai H. Trieu) Alvin J. Stewart
Serial No. 10/717,687)
Filing Date: November 20, 2003)
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
DELIVERING AN INTERVERTEBRAL)
DISC IMPLANT) September 12, 2005

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2005, please consider the following. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any additional fees which may be due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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September 12, 2005
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